

DRAFT OF PROPOSED PROVISION PERTAINING TO EXIST-  
ING APPROPRIATION FOR THE NATIONAL MEDIATION  
BOARD, 1939

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE DRAFT OF A PROPOSED PROVISION PERTAINING TO THE  
EXISTING APPROPRIATION FOR THE NATIONAL MEDIATION  
BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, March 6, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to an existing appropriation for the National Mediation Board for the fiscal year 1939.

The details of the proposed provision, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, March 2, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to an existing appropriation for the National Mediation Board, as follows:

DRAFT OF A PROPOSED PROVISION PERTAINING TO THE APPROPRIATION "SALARIES AND EXPENSES, NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD, NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD, 1939"

The limitation of \$35,000 contained in the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, National Railroad Adjustment Board, National Mediation Board, 1939," available only for the services of referees is hereby increased to not to exceed \$50,000 and there is hereby transferred to said appropriation from the appropriation "Printing and Binding, National Railroad Adjustment Board, National Mediation Board, 1939," not to exceed \$10,000 (Act May 23, 1938, 52 Stat. 422-423).

The increase in the amount authorized for services of referees is requested because of an unforeseen increase in the number of railway dispute cases requiring the employment of referees.

The various divisions of the National Railroad Adjustment Board endeavor to settle questions arising between the carriers and their employees. However, there is a certain percentage of such cases where an agreement cannot be reached and which require the services of a referee. The number of cases requiring a referee must of necessity be estimated. The limitation of \$35,000 contained in the 1939 appropriation was based upon the outlook as it appeared at the time this appropriation was made. As the year progressed, however, an unanticipated increase in the number of referee cases developed. The additional sum of \$15,000 will be required to meet this situation.

It is found that items approximating \$10,000 chargeable against the 1939 printing and binding appropriation can be deferred until the fiscal year 1940 without detriment to the Board's work and that if an additional amount within the \$50,000 limitation is necessary, certain expenditures from the appropriation "Salaries and expenses, National Railroad Adjustment Board, National Mediation Board, 1939," can also be deferred.

The proposed provision is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,  
*Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

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